Wayside Amenities Along National Highways

1335. SHRI R SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been launched for providing basic wayside amenities along National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private sector too has been involved in the scheme;

(d) if so, on what basis; and

(e) the National Highways and places where such amenities are provided/ proposed to be provided in Tamilnadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) A scheme of providing passenger oriented wayside amenities along National Highways was launched under government sector and private sector financing in 1986 and 1987, respectively, wherein, the facilities of drinking water, parking areas, toilet, restaurants, rest-rooms, first aid facilities, telephone booths etc. were envisaged to be provided.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Private entrepreneurs were invited to finance and manage the facilities as per the plans to be approved by the Government. As an incentive, a retail outlet for petrol/diesel was made an integral part of the scheme with the consent of Ministry of Petroleum. However, the Ministry of Petroleum have withdrawn from the scheme since August, 1994.

(e) Way-side amenities have been provided near Sattur at Km. 76/4 of NH-7 in Tamil Nadu.

Closure of Indian Road Construction Corporation

†1336. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down the Indian Road Construction Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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